

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsutomu ABE

Application No.: 09/892,884



Filed: June 28, 2001

Docket No.: 109967

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 1-6 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 7 is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

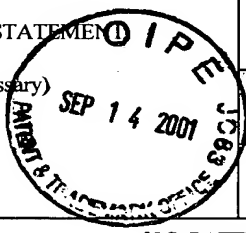
Thomas J. Pardini
Registration No. 30,411

JAO:TJP/zmc
Date: September 13, 2001

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION**

Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 109967		APPLICATION NO. 09/892,884	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT							
(Use several sheets if necessary)							
				APPLICANT(S) Tsutomu ABE			
				FILING DATE June 28, 2001			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
	1	JP A 4-126447	04/27/1992	JAPAN			
	2	JP A 5-332737	12/14/1993	JAPAN			
	3	JP A 11-136563	05/21/1999	JAPAN			
	4	JP A 11-136564	05/21/1999	JAPAN			
	5	JP A 2000-9442	01/14/2000	JAPAN			
	6	JP A 2000-65542	03/03/2000	JAPAN			
	7	JP A 2000-105818 w/ abstract	04/11/2000	JAPAN			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							